

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 16, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included harvesting wheat and hay. Crops are receiving rain in most areas of the state. Weed control is a major concern of most farmers. Cattlemen are concerned with the shortage of hay after the first cutting. Pastures are responding well to rainfall received during the past few weeks. Soil moisture is 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 36 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	33	14	49	35	1	1	12	70	16
	Dough	4	--	7	5					
Cotton	Emerged	100	100	100	98	1	1	10	60	28
	Squaring	79	58	64	43					
Rice	Emerged	100	100	100	90	0	0	9	62	29
Sorghum	Planted	100	98	99	93	0	2	11	60	29
	Emerged	99	96	98	89					
Soybeans	Planted	96	95	91	74	0	2	12	54	32
	Emerged	94	91	79	63					
	Blooming	16	--	0	0					
Wheat	Mature	100	96	100	97	0	1	10	38	51
	Harvested	70	45	72	56					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	96	92	97	--	4	14	34	43	5
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	31	27	36	--					
Peaches	Harvested	29	16	14	27	17	15	43	22	3
Peanuts	Planted	100	99	100	90	0	0	1	12	87
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	38	29	65	68	0	0	2	97	1
Watermelons	Planted	100	100	98	97	0	2	20	65	13
Blueberries						19	11	26	38	6
Cattle						5	9	24	54	8
Pasture						4	12	29	47	8

County Agent Comments

"The rain was great, but it will be 4 to 6 days before we can get in the fields now. A lot of cotton will be getting pin headed and pixed in the next week. Some fields where the pre-emerge did not work will be hard to clean up now due to rain delay."

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

"Cotton and soybeans growing rapidly due to general rain last week. Field work is behind schedule and weeds are growing faster than the crop. Many producers worked beef cattle due to wet conditions. Boll weevils and plant bugs numbers are increasing in cotton."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Livestock producers very depressed over prices and feed situation. Row crop situation relatively good but farmers apprehensive about weather."

— Ernest H. Flint, Attala County

"All of the cotton in the county have had at least on pin-head square treatment. All row crops in the county looks good and right now are in good growing condition. Corn earworms continue to be found in the whorls of corn, but no acres has needed to be treated. Recent rains continue to encouraged the growth of warm season grasses."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

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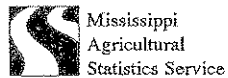
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Weather Summary From June 10, 1996 to June 16, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature						Precipitation				4 inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave		
1. Upper Delta														
Clarksdale						1.29	+0.29	1	4.46				0.21	
Cleveland	88	59	76			0.05		2	3.02					
Tunica						0.25	-0.73	1	4.86					
Extreme/Average	88	59	76			0.53	-0.46	1	4.11				0.21	
2. North-Central														
Holly Springs	90	58	74	75	-1	0.37	-0.69	2	9.87	90	68	78	0.24	
Memphis	94	60	77	79	-2	0.11	-0.61	1	10.36					
Oxford	93	59	74	76	-1	0.29	-0.42	2	6.72					
Extreme/Average	94	58	75	76	-1	0.26	-0.57	2	8.98	90	68	78	0.24	
3. Northeast														
Booneville	89	58	73	76	-3	0.10	-0.79	2	3.34					
Corinth	93	60	76	76	-1	0.23	-0.72	2	5.06					
Iuka	89	55	72			0.24		3	5.19					
Pontotoc	90	58	74	76	-2	0.85	-0.30	3	7.04	90	68	78	0.24	
Tupelo	92	58	75	77	-2	1.86	+0.89	4	8.56					
Verona	92	59	75			1.16		4	4.51	84	66	75	0.23	
Extreme/Average	93	55	74	76	-2	0.74	-0.25	3	5.62	90	66	76	0.21	
4. Lower Delta														
Belzoni	94	59	77	80	-3	0.17	-0.81	2	8.02	97	75	86		
Greenwood	96	60	79	79	+0	0.41	-0.86	2	2.58					
Rolling Fork	93	59	77			0.12	-0.89	2	2.56	100	77	90	0.20	
Stoneville														
Yazoo City	92	59	77	79	-2	0.06	-0.82	1	4.79					
Extreme/Average	96	59	78	79	-2	0.19	-0.85	2	4.49	100	75	88	0.20	
5. Central														
Carthage	89	56	76	78	-2	0.93	+0.11	1	4.30					
Jackson	92	57	77	79	-2	0.64	+0.08	2	1.86					
Winona	88	51	71	75	-4	0.40	-0.41	1	2.08					
Extreme/Average	92	51	75	77	-3	0.66	-0.07	1	2.75					
6. East-Central														
Brooksville	94	66	80			0.00	-0.64	0	4.06					
Columbus	92	61	77			0.46		1	4.66					
State University	90	60	75	78	-3	0.11	-0.43	2	3.08	95	68	79		
Extreme/Average	94	60	77	78	-1	0.19	-0.40	1	3.93	95	68	79		
7. Southwest														
Crystal Springs	90	59	76			3.72		3	7.61	92	71	82		
Natchez	90	61	78	79	-1	1.32	+0.46	3	5.02					
Oakley	90	59	76			4.35	+3.61	2	7.58	94	70	82		
Vicksburg	89	62	77			2.31		2	5.23					
Extreme/Average	90	59	77	79	-2	2.93	+2.13	3	6.36	94	70	82		
8. South-Central														
Columbia	91	59	76	80	-3	3.40	+2.70	3	6.63					
McComb	92	57	77	78	-1	1.19	+0.45	3	3.60					
Extreme/Average	92	57	77	79	-2	2.30	+1.58	3	5.12					
9. Southeast														
Beaumont	94	60	78			1.71		3	3.91	95	71	81		
Hattiesburg	92	58	77	79	-3	0.89	+0.12	3	3.59					
Laurel														
Meridian	92	58	76	78	-2	0.24	-0.79	1	4.46					
Newton	91	57	75	77	-2	2.71	+2.04	2	4.76	87	66	77	0.18	
Extreme/Average	94	57	77	78	-2	1.39	+0.57	2	4.18	95	66	79	0.18	
10. Coastal														
Bay St Louis	92	61	78			0.95		3	6.99					
Biloxi	89	69	80			1.49		3	7.27					
Gulfport	87	63	78	81	-2	2.09	+1.04	3	11.73					
Pascagoula	87	61	75			2.10	+0.96	3	4.06					
Poplarville	90	61	77	80	-3	1.11	+0.15	3	3.98	96	71	81	0.22	
Extreme/Average	92	61	78	80	-3	1.55	+0.50	3	6.81	96	71	81	0.22	
State	96	61	76	78	-2	1.07	+0.21	2	5.24	100	66	81	0.20	

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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